

DON'T JUDGE ME

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Stand Out Series

LG Discussion Guide

Text: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13



Last week we learnt that one of the most important ways to stand out is through our radical love for each other. We learnt that in order to stand out we need to seek to be disciples and not just “Christians”

FOLLOW-UP: How did you do at pursuing a life of a disciple rather than that of a Christian this week? How did you love others well? Where was it hard to love?

QOD: This week we look at the second way we can stand out as disciples of Christ, but first: Imagine you have a great friend and you discover something sensitive about their life that you think is wrong, hindering them or holding them back. What would you do?

READ & DISCUSS: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 in Message Version. What stands out or challenges you?

Even though the Bible says we are generally not to judge, it does say that Jesus’ followers must hold each other to account. Very much like the people of Corinth, we live in a time and space whose mantra is, ‘it’s my life’. No one has the right to judge me. But Paul is saying, ‘that’s alright for everybody else, but it doesn’t work if you are a disciple’. Remember, a disciple is someone who is 100% committed to living a life of radical obedience to Jesus. But you can’t truly live that life unless you are willing to allow others to speak into your life, to hold you accountable and to help you stay true to who you say you are. This year, God wants you to stand out by: embracing accountability!

DISCUSS: Why do you think accountability is so important in the life of a follower of Jesus?

Accountability is necessary for us because:

1. **NONE OF US IS PERFECT:** We all fall short of God’s standards in some way or the others. We can’t succeed by ourselves. We need others in our lives to keep us from lying to ourselves and becoming hypocrites!
2. **SIN IS INFECTIOUS:** A sin in our life may start off looking like a small thing but it is not a small thing. You need to deal with sin because it will destroy not only your life and relationships but the lives of people around you.

For Disciples, “The loving thing is not always to give someone space!” Every follower of Jesus needs people in their lives who will go out of their way to speak the truth in love to them. But in order for this to happen, we need to open ourselves to being held to account. We need to give others meddling rights into our lives.

DISCUSS:

- What has been your experience or your view of accountability?
- Do you currently have someone in your life who you are accountable to that has an open door into your life and can ask you hard questions to push you to be better? Why or why not?
- What will you do this week to embrace or go deeper in your life of accountability?

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT:

- This Friday, 20th Jan – First Worship Night of 2017 from 7-10pm